

OBSTACLE IN THORN TRIAL

Attorneys Howe and Moss Are Confused by the Prosecution.

AN UNEXPECTED REST

What Has Been Considered a Clever Move.

Mrs. Nack's Services as a Witness Are Not Required at the Present Trial.

Barber John Gotha Repeats His Story--Detective Sullivan's Evidence--The Defense Is Obliged to Ask for an Adjournment.

New York, Nov. 26.--Lawyers Howe and Moss, who have diligently defended Martin Thorn, met today with a serious and difficult obstacle, when, after a brief adjournment, District Attorney Youngs informed the court that the people rested their case.

It was generally expected that Mrs. Nack would be put on the stand to reiterate her confession, and the lawyers who have been assigned to look after Thorn's interests thought she would repeat her statement of two weeks ago.

This seems a clever move on the part of the prosecution," said Mr. Howe, "but I am more than positive that when we introduce our evidence the jury will acquit my client of the crime with which he is charged."

Later in the afternoon District Attorney Youngs said he was not prepared to say whether Mrs. Nack, who had made such a famous scene in the first trial in her confession, would be produced or not.

The evidence so far adduced today by the prosecution showed a possible inclination on the defendant's part to get rid of his enemy, Guldenstuepe, each was the admirer of Mrs. Nack, and it was proved that they had a serious row last March. From current report, Guldenstuepe had evidently very much the better of the argument, and he was left with a revolver accidentally, but a few minutes afterwards told another friend of his that he shot at Guldenstuepe, but missed him.

Mr. Howe, for the second time during the trial of his client, appealed to the court for time. "I shall, with your honor's permission," said he, "try to get through with my defense on Monday, but if it should exceed that time I am sure I can get in any evidence in a couple of hours on Tuesday."

Justice Maddox, after a conference with both lawyers, decided to postpone further consideration of the case until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The examination of the witness Keenan, was resumed today. He admitted that the athlete which he had shown to Thorn had a poisoned point. Then he said he only kept it as an ornament, having received it as a gift from his brother.

Bar tender Edward Speck, swore that on Tuesday, June 29, Thorn had exhibited a watch and money in a saloon on East Third-fourth street, saying, "this is what I got out of my carriage ride last Saturday."

GOtha's TESTIMONY. Other testimony of a minor character was introduced and then John Gotha, the barber, to whom Thorn is said to have confided, was called. He said that on Monday, July 5, last, Thorn went into the barber shop at One Hundred and Thirty-third street and Eighth avenue, where the witness was employed, and had his hair cut and requested to cut off. Thorn asked him to meet him that afternoon, and he reluctantly agreed. They met in a saloon that afternoon and had some beer. After a few minutes Thorn began to speak of the murder, and finally said he committed it.

Thorn told him that he went to the cottage in Woodside early on Friday, Nov. 25, and brought his pistol with him. He tested it to see if it worked all right, and fired a couple of shots out of it. Mrs. Nack and Guldenstuepe arrived at the house shortly after 10 o'clock that morning. The woman went into the yard and Guldenstuepe went up stairs where Thorn was waiting for him, with his shoes off. Thorn shot Guldenstuepe in the head, and went down stairs and told Mrs. Nack it was all over. He told her to go back to New York and return about 5 o'clock in the evening, when everything would be "fixed up."

THE WRECK OF A WESTERN TOWN

Eighty Quarts of Nitro-Glycerine Exploded.

SHAKES FIFTEEN MILES OF EARTH

Houses in Chesterfield, Ind., Moved from Their Foundations--Many Persons Injured--Jar Felt Fifteen Miles Away--Two Neighboring Villages Partly in Ruins.

Anderson, Ind., Nov. 26.--Chesterfield was almost annihilated early this morning by the explosion of eighty quarts of nitro-glycerine, which had been brought overland from Montpelier and placed in an open field, a half mile from the town.

Marion Mansey and Samuel Maguire were working at a gas well nearby, when the explosion occurred. Mansey was thrown fifty feet, but not injured fatally. Maguire was also thrown a hundred feet in the air and lacerated badly, but will recover. James Gold's house, 300 rods distant, was torn to pieces. The explosion tore a hole in the ground down to the water line.

A three-ton engine was torn to fragments and a small animal in the vicinity was killed instantly. The little town of Chesterfield is a mass of ruins. Every house was moved from its foundations, windows were shattered, doors smashed in, lights put out and the plastering shaken from the walls. Several persons were shaken out of bed.

At Daleville, two miles away, and at Yorktown, five miles distant, the damage was almost as great. Many people were injured, and it is a miracle that none were killed. Several persons were shaken out of bed.

The jar of the explosion was felt for fifteen miles in all directions. The gas in the well was blown out, and a workman named Cooper lit it and caused another explosion, in which he was burned fatally. The damage cannot be estimated.

VICTIM OF AN ACID-THROWER

Two Attempts to Blind or Disfigure a Woman.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 26.--Mrs. Charles Winsor, wife of a night watchman in the city public library building, is the victim of a conspiracy to blind or disfigure her. Twice an unknown man has thrown a liquid resembling vitriol over her, but on each occasion she has protected her eyes by holding her hands in front of her, though her face was badly scorched.

The second outrage was perpetrated yesterday. As she entered her home a man whom she recognized as her former assailant rose from a hiding place and threw the contents of a wine glass in her face. She put her arms in front of her eyes and partly turned her head away, so that she did not get the full quantity of the liquid. A portion struck the left side of her face, however, and burned it severely.

The first attack was made two weeks ago. She was then bending over a washtub in her kitchen. She heard footsteps, and as she turned her head to see who approached, she felt a liquid strike her face, which burned and stung like fire. That time she only caught a fleeting glimpse of the author of the crime. The case has baffled the efforts of the police.

AMERICAN GIRL WEDS A COUNT

After a Western Tour the Couple Will Make Their Home Abroad.

TAKEN BACK TO THE FORTRESS.

Propositions by Blanco to Gen. Ruiz and Col. Macalino Rejected.

Havana, via Key West, Fla., Nov. 26.--After the order had been issued for the release of Gen. Ruiz Vera and Colonel Macalino, who were captured by General Hernandez de Velasco last March, but before they were actually freed, both were conducted to the Palace, entering by a side door from O'Reilly street and going up a private staircase. Marshal Blanco received them and proposed that they should help to restore peace by assisting in the establishment of autonomy. They declined to accept his proposition. He then requested them to make a formal compromise and agree not to take up arms again against Spain. This also they refused, declaring, on the contrary, that when actually free they would return to the insurgent cause.

After this high spirited reply they were promptly returned to Cabanas Fortress, where they now remain prisoners of war, no effect having been given to the orders for their release.

ROARING TIME AT THE REICHSRATH

The Leftists and the Rightists Raise Another Row.

INSULTS FOR DR. ABRAHAMOVICS

The President of the Body Is Greeted by a Storm of Abuse Upon Each Appearance--Dr. Wolf Blows a Whistle--The Police Kept Busy Separating Combatants--A Number of Members Suspended.

Vienna, Nov. 26.--The turbulence in the Reichsrath continued today and a body of police was called in to keep order. Upon the entrance of President Abrahamovics the Leftists rose in a body and the tumult began. Herr Berner, a Social Democrat, rushed toward the president, but the house attendants protecting the chair intercepted him and a lively fist fight followed. Herr Resel, another Social Democrat, jumped upon the ministerial bench, reached the president's desk, and destroyed the papers lying there. Although the chair has been surrounded with a wooden fence, the president was obliged to flee. Berner was eventually freed from his hold.

Meantime the police had arrived. They were compelled to eject by main force the Social Democrats who still surrounded the presidential platform. While the deputies were being ejected, the galleries were filled with police, the building guarded by a large force, the gates closed and the session suspended.

When the house reassembled this afternoon, the reappearance of President Abrahamovics was greeted by a storm of abuse, the slamming of desk lids, whistling, etc. He repeatedly tried to address the Leftists, but his voice was inaudible amid the uproar. He then articulated sounds distinguishable being cries from the Leftists of "out with the police."

Dr. Wolf, the German Nationalist leader, as yesterday, contributed prominently to the pandemonium. Upon his entrance he kept on blowing a shrill whistle. Herr Resel, the Social Democrat deputy, also indulged in shrill whistling.

In the midst of this uproar, President Abrahamovics opened the sitting and twice called Dr. Wolf to order. At length all the loquacious members were suspended for three sittings.

BRAVE GIRL IN THE PINES

Extinguished a Blaze Despite a Shot Fired from Darkness.

Pemberton, N. J., Nov. 26.--A girl to be proud of is the 17-year-old daughter of Mercer Cranmer, a farmer near here. A night or two ago Cranmer and his wife were away from home, and Mrs. John Leslie, both of whom live in London and are among the most prominent American women in England. More than \$7,000 was invested by them in February, 1896, from which they never received a cent in return.

SOCIETY WOMEN HIS VICTIMS.

Crickshank Gets Eight Years for Deceiving Lady Churchill.

London, Nov. 26.--The trial of the so-called Captain James H. L. Crickshank, who was arrested in September last on the charge of defrauding Lady Randolph Churchill, her sister, Mrs. Frewen and Mrs. Leslie, continued today. He was charged with obtaining \$50,000, representing that that money was to be invested in an American railroad construction. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eight years imprisonment in this court today.

When the case against Crickshank is well known in this city, where he has been a frequent visitor during the past two years. In England he posed as a millionaire American, and lived in luxurious style in a large house at Ryecroft, Essex. It was through American connections that he secured an introduction to Lady Randolph Churchill. He pretended to have extensive railroad and commercial relations in the United States, and represented to her that by investing money in one of his schemes, known as the "Atlantic Syndicate," large profits could be realized. Lady Churchill made a deposit of \$1,000 with Crickshank on the understanding that it would be trebled in six weeks, and she also interested her friends in the scheme.

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CONVENTION AT MONTROSE

First Gathering Since the Formation of the Fifth District, Y. M. C. A.

THE TOWNS REPRESENTED

Local Associations in the Vicinity Send Delegates.

Sessions Are Being Held in the Presbyterian Church--An Address by Rev. Dr. I. A. Lansing, Pastor of the Green Ridge Presbyterian Church, of Scranton--Important Meetings Arranged for Today, Special Music by the Montrose Quartette.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Montrose, Pa., Nov. 26.--The first convention since the recent creation of the Fifth district of the Young Men's Christian association, comprising all the local associations in this part of the state, began here this afternoon and will continue until Sunday night, inclusive. Thirty or forty delegates are here and about a hundred, it is expected, will be in attendance by Saturday noon.

In the district are the city and town associations of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Towanda, Athens, Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg, Forest City, Montrose and Miners; the Railroad associations of Scranton and Hackett, and the college associations of the East. Stroudsburg State Normal school, Wyoming seminary, Susquehanna College, Institute and Keystone academy. It is approved by a committee composed of all the general secretaries of the district, of which J. W. Eason, of Wilkes-Barre, is president, and E. B. Buckalew, general secretary of the Wilkes-Barre association, is secretary. The sessions are being held in the Presbyterian church. Delegates are being entertained at a great expense by Montrose people, whose reputation for whole-souled hospitality is proverbial. The convention was formally opened at 5 o'clock this afternoon by General Secretary E. B. Buckalew, of the Wilkes-Barre association, and concluded with a devotional service, led by Rev. W. E. Plumley, of Scranton.

This evening there was an address by Rev. Dr. I. A. Lansing, pastor of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church, of Scranton. His discourse was preceded by a song service conducted by J. M. Chance, music director of the Scranton association, and who will have charge of the music at each session.

DR. LANSING'S ADDRESS. "How to Do It" was the subject of Dr. Lansing's address. His discourse occupied nearly an hour and its thought was based upon the lesson taught by Edison's recent and great accomplishment, separating iron dust from rock. Dr. Lansing said: "In doing the work the worker needs to be alert, open-eyed, sympathetic, that he may see the actual fact and condition of things as they are. The Christian association is evidently to be practical, to see and know things as they are and to better them. One of the greatest of modern achievements is Edison's magnetic separator as used in Edison, N. J., for separating iron from the sand. For sixteen years ago Edison while walking on a Long Island beach observed a black sand. Examining it carefully he found it was colored by particles of iron which could be extracted with a magnet.

"First, it was Edison's alertness; second, his sympathy, which made his great accomplishment probable. He was untiring and wanted to relieve the condition of things which made it difficult for Eastern iron furnaces to get rid of iron from a distance, and which put them at a disadvantage in competing with foreign furnaces. "A Christian worker needs to have his eyes open to the actual condition of society and to be full of human sympathy for the condition of men and to undertake their relief."

MUST PRESERVE HUMANITY. "The Christian worker must preserve humanity from spiritual point of view, and the politician sees men from the point of view of voters, the commercial man from the point of view of creators and consumers, the educator from the point of view of the intellectual life. The Christian worker is to look at a man indefinitely, specifically, as a spiritual being. This I regard as fundamental of the work.

"Edison devised the magnetic needle, the electric eye, which detects the deposits of iron. With his aid he caused a survey to be made from Canada to South Carolina, a distance of twenty-five miles wide. From the survey maps were made showing the deposits of iron throughout that vast territory. The accuracy of the eye was remarkable. It illustrates that, looked at with spiritual vision, men are found out by Christian workers. It is to be done by viewing men from social, monetary or intellectual standpoints. It is because men do not see with spiritual eyes that churches decay. The raw material for churches is always in abundance. Men are the material. Humanity cannot be regarded from any except the standpoint of Christ.

"A worker must work despite opposition. He must resolve, resolve patiently to eventually achieve success. Others will come to his aid and opposition will be overcome." Again Dr. Lansing referred to Edison's recent work. Eight years ago he began it and resolved, if necessary, to devote all he possessed, his time and his great talents to it.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Followed by a Cold Wave.

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